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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

M.P.E.P. § 1302.14 states that the Examiner’s Reasons for Allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, the Examiner provided Reasons for Allowance that are not believed to set forth all reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, applicants do not concede that the identified limitations—i.e., “wherein determining whether the digital communication is associated with an audio identifier comprises accessing a data store located at a recipient computer system based on a user identifier of the sender” and “wherein the rendering of the audio identifier also is conditioned on whether communication exchange preferences associated with the recipient and stored in the data store allow the recipient to perceive the audio identifier”—are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record, as the claims may be patentable for other reasons. Furthermore, the dependent claims 5-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 22, 40-42, 44, 45, 47-54 and 57. are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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